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BG Donahue & Chris:

BLUF: This morning David Wegner convened a hands on, 3 hour meeting of 11 CA Water attendees in pursuit of finding out how the House Subcommittee on Water & Power might help California deal with the next 15 years, or until longer term solutions envisioned in the BDCP and likely Delta Plan come on line.

Background:

- Attendees included Don Glaser, BOR; Roger Patterson, MWD; Jason Peltier, WWD; David Nawi, DOI; Ann Hayden, EDF; Phil Isenberg & Joe Grindstaff, DSC; a Garamendi staffer, a staffer from Ocean Subcommittee, David Wegner and me.
- Objective was to understand current California situation, what needs to be done over the "Near Term", and what the Subcommittee could be considering at the Federal level to help.
- Policy constraints were discussed with an example illustrating this being: FWS allowing up to minus 5000 cfs in Old & Middle River flows this year (OMR) (instead of the earlier ESA-driven minus 1250cfs) was much more important to getting through the year than was the actual precipitation from the El Nino season.
- Other suggestions we made included: a) stay informed factually; b) continue to reduce restrictions to transfers; c) consider eliminating need for full feasibility studies for changes & improvements to fully operating

projects; d) support CA System and Facility reoperation/optimization; e) don't push Title 16 projects; f) don't open water rights issues at this time.

- A lot of basic educating went on.
- One observation on the Corps from WWD was that Water Districts & the State would love to have Corps/Federal funding support but not combined with our onerous processes and high project costs.
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Way Ahead:

- I spoke to Wegner before the meeting about Delta Systems Budget and will follow up.
- Don Glaser will provide Wegner with the Mid Pac Region's Interim Plan Portfolio list over the next 60 days.

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